

Senate Joint Resolution No. 28

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 98

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 28, Emmerson. Department of Defense budget cuts.

This measure would oppose the budget presented by the United States Air Force to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

WHEREAS, The Military Department of the State of California and the California Air National Guard have learned that the United States Air Force has submitted a budget to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States that would place Department of Defense directed budget cuts disproportionately on the back of the Air National Guard of the United States and the California Air National Guard; and

WHEREAS, This proposed budget cut to the Air National Guard Budget for the 2013–14 fiscal year would likely lead to the closure of a number of Air National Guard units across the country, here in California, and in the four United States territories and damage the state's emergency response capabilities; and

WHEREAS, The California Air National Guard is comprised of 5,000 plus airmen, noncommissioned officers, and officers that are highly skilled and trained in various military disciplines who are readily available to execute state and federal missions on a moment's notice by our Governor and our President in his role as Commander in Chief of the Armed Services; and

WHEREAS, The California Air National Guard has thrived in the fast-paced operational tempo of the past 11 years, and has successfully completed war time and manmade or natural disaster responses around the globe and across the state, and budget cuts that unfairly and disproportionately impact the Air National Guard as proposed by the United States Air Force leadership will impact state readiness; and

WHEREAS, The California Air National Guard would likely lose significant numbers of its highly trained personnel if the 2013–14 fiscal year budget presented to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States is approved as submitted; now, therefore, be it further

Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature joins the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, the California National Guard Association, and the National Guard Association of the United States in opposition to the disproportional budget cuts as

presented by the United States Air Force as they adversely impact the California Military Department and the Air National Guard and jeopardize national security and homeland defense; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States and the author for appropriate distribution.